

REMARKS

Claims 1-22 stand pending in the application. Claims 1-17 remain pending in the application and claims 18-22 have been added.

Claims 1-17 stand rejected in the Office Action mailed April 8, 2003. Applicants respectfully request that the above-identified application be reconsidered in view of the remarks and amendments which follow, and that each of the presently pending claims be allowed and the application be passed to issue.

35 USC 102

Claims 1-3, 6, 10, 11, 13 and 14 stand rejected under 35 U S.C. 102 (b) as being anticipated by Kottman.

For a proper rejection under 35 USC 102, each and every element recited in the claim must be disclosed. Claim 1 has now been amended to better define claim 1 over Kottman. Claim 1 in Kottman recites each tooth as having a bottom surface adapted for attachment to a rolling drum. The Kottman patent discloses rotating drums having carriers 13 with a plurality of radially projecting teeth. The carrier has a central opening that is connected to the crushing shafts. The carriers have a circular opening that receives a crushing shaft, the projecting teeth are integrally connected with the carriers and do not have a bottom surface adapted for connecting to a drum.

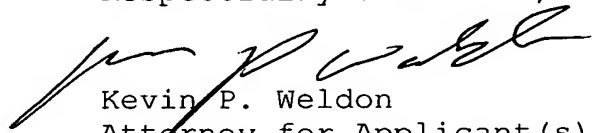
Similarly, claims 10 and 20 both recite a bottom surface that is adapted for attachment to a rolling drum. The Kottman patent does not disclose a projecting tooth having a bottom surface that is adapted to be connected to a rolling drum. Kottman fails to anticipate the invention in claims 1, 10 and 20 under 35 USC 102.

In claim 21, applicant recites a cutting tooth having both a trailing surface and leading surface. The leading surface includes a plurality of compact inserts and the trailing surface is recited as having no compact inserts. As best shown in Figure 3 of Kottman, the leading surface and trailing surface on the tooth have both compact hard inserts. Kottman does not meet every limitations recited in claim 21.

In view of the above amendments and comments, it is believed that claims 1-22 are patentable over the art of record. Thus, applicants respectfully request a Notice of Allowance indicating claims 1-22 as being allowable. If for any reason the Examiner does not believe that the application is in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to telephone applicants with any comments or questions (724-539-3848) in order to expedite prosecution of the application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees, including additional filing fees required under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17, in connection with this submission to Kennametal Inc. corporate Deposit Account 11-0508.

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